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The German Language Will Never Die. *

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German, that picture language whose words are poems, will never die. You cannot crush beauty; it wields magic weapons, which beat off even the fiery eyed monster, war.

America is now looking at German through emotion colored spectacles, which make the most beautiful landscape resemble boiled spinach. The German language is a golden key to a golden literature. It opens the gate of fairyland. You come upon the enchanted castle studded with rubies and diamonds. You later reach the land of poetry. Here you meet Goethe who has the imperishable beauty of a Grecian urn, on which "man woos maid forever young and fair." Heine and Schiller are the gold apples that grow on a magic tree, and being of gold they can never wither nor change.

Like Briar Rose the German language may fall into a deep sleep. But when the German soul astray arises, Faustlike, from the depths, purified by remorse, then this curse pronounced by war will be lifted, and the Sleeping Beauty will awaken from her enchanted sleep.

* Closing words of the paper on "The Open Sesame to Language Study", read before the German Section of the Ass'n of Modern Language Teachers of the Central West and South, at its convention in Chicago, Saturday, May 4, 1918.